

**Clean Copy of Amended Claims:**

B<sup>1</sup>  
1. (Amended) A method for cleaving glycation endproducts or cross-linked proteins in an organism, wherein said method comprises administering an effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound to said organism wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

LR-102: 1, 4-benzene-bis[4-methyleneaminophenoxyisobutyric acid]; and

LR-99: 4-[3,5-dichlorophenylureidophenoxyisobutryl]-4-aminobenzoic acid.

B<sup>2</sup>  
4. (Amended) A method of reversing deleterious effects of aging in an organism wherein said effects are formation of glycation endproducts or protein cross-linking, wherein said method comprises administering an effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound to said organism wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

LR-102: 1,4-benzene-bis[4-methyleneaminophenoxyisobutyric acid]; and

LR-99: 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenylureidophenoxyisobutryl)-4-aminobenzoic acid.

B<sup>3</sup>  
7. (Amended) A method of reversing complications resulting from diabetes wherein said complications result from formation of glycation endproducts or protein cross-linking, wherein said method comprises administering an effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound to said organism wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

LR-102: 1,4-benzene-bis[4-methyleneaminophenoxyisobutyric acid]; and

LR-99: 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenylureidophenoxyisobutryl)-4-aminobenzoic acid.

10. (Amended) A method of reversing disease progression in a patient of rheumatoid arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, uremia, neurotoxicity, or atherosclerosis, wherein said method comprises administering an effective amount of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound to said organism wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

LR-102: 1,4-benzene-bis[4-methyleneaminophenoxyisobutyric acid]; and

LR-99: 4-[(3,5-dichlorophenylureidophenoxyisobutyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid.

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